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The publication of an article in Annales UMCS sec. B needs setting high academic ethical standards. All parties involved in the process of publishing should follow the rules that enable publication of high quality texts.

Duties of the Publisher

- set the guidelines of ethical publication;
- adopt policies and procedures to support editors, reviewers and authors in performing their ethical duties under these guidelines;
- cooperate with other publishers to set standards for best practices on ethical matters;
- ensure that editorial decisions are independent of any external or internal forces;
- provide editors with technical and legal support;
- educate researchers on publishing ethics.

Duties of Editors

- provide authors and reviewers with clearly formulated information regarding what is expected of them;
- undertake transparent and justified publication decisions and take responsibility for these decisions;
- cooperate with other editors and reviewers in making publication decisions;
- identify and eliminate all cases of abuse of ethical guidelines, like plagiarism, libel or copyright infringement;
- create conditions under which the peer review process is fair, unbiased and timely;
- provide at least two external and independent reviewers of suitable expertise in the relevant field to each paper;
- review all disclosures of potential conflicts of interest and suggestions for self-citation made by reviewers;
- evaluate papers for their intellectual content without regard to any individual features of the authors, like race, gender, ethnicity, citizenship, religion, sexual orientation or political attitude;
- restrain from inciting authors to include references to the editor's own articles;
- protect the confidentiality of all material submitted to the journal unless otherwise agreed with the relevant authors and reviewers;
- protect reviewers' identities;
- declare to the publisher any potential editorial conflicts of interest;
- restrain from being involved in the process of editorial decisions about papers which s/he has written him/herself or have been written by relatives or colleagues.

Duties of Reviewers

- conduct reviews objectively;
- assists the editor in making editorial decisions;
- be alert to potential ethical issues in the paper and report to the editor any cases of suspected violations of these issues in a reviewed manuscript;

- assist the authors in improving the paper;
- keep in mind that any personal criticism of the author is inappropriate;
- restrain from inciting authors to include references to the reviewer's own articles;
- decline to participate in the review process of manuscripts covering issues for which a reviewer feels unqualified;
- keep full confidentiality of any received manuscripts, refrain from sharing the review or information about the paper with anyone or contact the authors directly without permission from the editor;
- refrain from using submitted manuscript in a reviewer's own research.

Duties of Authors

- present entirely original research;
- represent underlying data in the paper accurately;
- when applicable, use trials randomized properly;
- provide additional information regarding research data supporting their paper when asked by the editor or reviewer;
- acknowledge all sources appropriately; cite where applicable, refer to sources that have influenced their work;
- refrain from any form of plagiarism, from copying other author's work, through copying or paraphrasing substantial parts of another's paper, to claiming results from research conducted by others;
- publish results of particular research in one primary publication, avoid self-copying texts or ideas in multiple publications;
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